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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter accompanies the electronic filing of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Rim Lakes Forest Restoration Project. The project is located on the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests in Coconino County, Arizona.

The responsible official is James E. Zornes, Forest Supervisor, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, PO Box 640, Springerville, Arizona 85938-0640.

Since there were no changes to the draft environmental impact statement in response to comments, only an errata sheet has been prepared and attached to the statement (40 CFR 1503.4). Because a final statement will not be circulated, the draft statement with a new cover sheet is filed herein as the final statement (40 CFR1506.9). Two appendices accompany the FEIS: Appendix D is the response to comments received on the DEIS, and Appendix E contains copies of the comment letters.

I ask that you file this Final Environmental Impact Statement in accordance with your procedures and publish a Notice of Availability for this document in the Federal Register. Transmittal of these documents to other federal agencies is being made simultaneously with this filing with EPA.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

JAMES E. ZORNES Forest Supervisor

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